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A RIFT IN THE CURTAIN?

(From The New York Times)

Strange things have been happening in the Soviet Union there past few weeks. The Kremlin has permitted its editors to learn of two Western expressions of friendship, one from Herbert Morrison and the latest from President Truman and our Consul here. Such individuals as President Nikolai M. Shvernik and Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob Malik have been mentioned as in favor of free communication between the Soviet people and other peoples. A new magazine, *USSR*, has been issued to carry its columns as a forum for international events. Ideas which when propagated on the air waves are still being jammed, have been allowed to reach the Soviet people, even though they contradict the Kremlin line. This is obviously an important, though still very limited, advance.

President Truman has welcomed this advance and has put it in perspective against the fact that really free communication and intercourse are still far from realized. Soviet misrepresentations about the West continue daily in great volume. Soviet citizens still have no opportunity to visit the West and see for themselves. They still have no free access to Western publications or radio broadcasts, and the State Department's conclusion, American is still limited to a circulation of around 250,000 copies for 200,000,000 Soviet people. No large number of American visitors, comparable, say, to the number who are now visiting the Soviet Union, have been allowed to enter the Soviet Union. In short, almost all the old barriers to communication and free intercourse still exist, despite a few highly dramatized moves in the other direction.

Against this background the statement by a Soviet Embassy attache that there are no unusual obstacles to visiting the U. S. S. R. and that the number who enter depends upon the number of applicants is astonishing. But perhaps there has been a change in the line and the old barriers have been weakened here too. We do not know, but obviously the only way to find out is to make the test. We hope many Americans will apply for visas. If such Americans were to be allowed to visit Moscow and Leningrad, Kiev and Vladivostok, Tashkent and Riga, to talk with their inhabitants freely and to see for themselves what life is like in the Soviet Union, then there would be reason to believe that sincerity not guile, animates this latest "peace offensive." It's up to the Soviet Government.

FARM POPULATION

(From The Boston Post)

The drop in America's farm population last year to a total of 23,500,000, according to an estimate just released by the Census Bureau, is the largest annual decline the government began keeping these records in 1910, may be ascribed to several factors.

One of them is the greatly increased number of power - driven farm machines and the constant improvement in the efficiency of these machines, by which one man can do the several on the basis of old standards. This is particularly true on the large farms, especially in the great farming districts of the West, where many tractors or combines may be seen at work in one field at the same time. High wages paid in industry likewise have attracted more farm workers to industrial areas, and modern transportation facilities have enabled them to move more easily from place to place.

But while the total of the farm population has decreased, the capacity of the American farmer to produce has not been correspondingly lessened. That was amply demonstrated during the last war and the intervening years, when production of many farm products reached record proportions.

Homemakers' Items

Twenty Virginia homemakers are visiting Michigan State College at Lansing, Mich. this week for the National Home Demonstration Council meetings.

Wondering how to handle your nylon garments? Here are a few questions and answers that may help you.

Are all nylons washable?

Any article this is 100 per cent nylon - unlyer and uncoated - is absolutely washable. The dyes, finishes, or other fibers used, however, vary in washability. So, for your own protection, follow the manufacturer's recommendations on the tag attached to your nylon article.

Can I bleach white nylon?

Most white nylon fabrics are safe in a mild solution of ordinary house hold bleach. If your bottle has no directions for bleaching nylon, use the amount recommended for cotton. Be careful not to use too much bleach.

Is it safe to iron nylon?

You can iron nylon when either damp or dry, or use a steam iron. The iron should be no hotter than 300 degrees F. If your iron has a heat control, set it at "nylon" or "rayon." Too warm an iron may discolor or even melt nylon.

Protect Grain Against Insects

How can such huge numbers of insects suddenly show up in stored grain?

Entomologists have a ready answer for this one. As you know, weavels and insects multiply fast.

How fast? Well, J. O. Rowell, entomologist at VPI, estimates, for example, that one pair of rice weevils, one of which is a female laying 300 eggs, can build up in five broods in about six months to more than 1½2 million weevils.

Of course, that's under very favorable conditions. But it does illustrate the kind of trouble a grower can run into if he waits until his grain is crawling with insects.

Rowell says you can't put too much emphasis on preventing insect infestation on farm-stored grain. You can't rid old wooden bins of some insects by ordinary cleaning methods. As soon as woden bins are emptied and as long as possible before they are refilled, spray them. Sprays satisfactory for treating bins are emulsions or water suspensions containing 1 1-2 per cent by weight of DDT, TDE, methoxychlor, or chlordane. An emulsion containing 1 per cent by weight of pipernoyl butoxide and one tenth of one per cent of pyrethrins is also satisfactory.

Accumulations of waste grain and feed, as well as infested grain and feed on hand, often cause infestations. Be sure to clean out all such possible sources of insects before new grain is put in storage. Fumigate your grain then as soon as it is in the bin.

Advice Given Poultrymen

Chickens will lay better if they are kept comfortable during the remaining days of hot weather.

The Extension Service says shade and lots of cool water should be provided for the birds.

A range shelter with mesh wire sides placed in an orchard where the grass has been clipped, or in a shaded pasture field makes an ideal summer house for chickens.

During the warm weather, eight to ten inches of resting space should be allowed for each mature bird.

Bred Ewe Sale At Staunton

Sixty-five bred ewes of the Hampshire, Southdown, Shropshire, Dorset, and Suffolk breeds will go on sale at Staunton, November 7.

George Litton, associate animal husbandman at V. P. I., says a show will be held that morning, and the sale will be held that afternoon.

Albert Wilson, Jr., Rural Retreat, who has won more championships at fairs and shows than any other breeder in Virginia, is expected to be a heavy consignor.

The ewes are sold under a guarantee that if they fail to be with lamb, 20 per cent of the purchase price is refunded.

Soil Samples

Over 21,000 soil samples were tested in VPI laboratories during the year ending June, 1951.

P. H. DeHart, Extension agronomist at VPI, says this indicates that more and more Virginia farmers are becoming aware of the need for knowing the lime requirements of their soils.

He says that now is a good time to take a soil sample, send it to V. P. I. for a test, and find out what your lime and plant food needs are. He explains that the soil testers usually have a slack season during this month, and are now in a position to give you more prompt service.

Last year, the peak month was March, when over 3,700 samples were tested.

Leading the list were Augusta County farmers, who sent in 1,263 samples for testing, over twice the number from any other county except Southampton, which sent in over 700. In all, farmers from 98 counties took advantage of the service.

If you are planning to improve and develop your pasture, a soil test is almost a must. Alfalfa and ladino clover, for example, need an abundance of calcium plus the right soil acidity for best growth. DeHart says many soils throughout Virginia don't need lime, even though they haven't received any during the past five or ten years. On the other hand, there are soils that have been limed during the past five years that still need additional lime.

If the soil doesn't need lime, you waste your money if you apply it, and run the chance of injury from over-liming. If your soil needs lime, and you don't supply it, you're wasting money spent for seed and fertilizer. VPI's soil testing service is free. For soil sample boxes and detailed instructions for taking the samples, see your county agent.

Shenandoah National Park expects considerably more than a million visitors this year; Blue Ridge Parkway is setting new records for attendance; and thousands of patrons are using the national forest and state parks.

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Rocks

Rocks, August 13.- These nice cool August days and nights remind us that the summer is passing rapidly and that fall will soon be here.

Miss Louise Ranson spent last week in Lynchburg.

L. C. Elder was in Lynchburg several days with her father, Mr. Myers at Virginia Baptist Hospital last week.

Prayer meeting was held Wednesday night at the church. Lloyd Ranson had charge of the service.

Quite a few from Rocks attended the revival meeting at Liberty Church, Appomattox, last week.

Robert Roach and Toby Inge went to the peach orchard Friday.

Mrs. Percy Carter spent Wednesday with relatives in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson and Carolene and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ranson left Friday morning early for a short visit in Newport News with the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Farmer and children.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Walter Ranson was taken ill Sunday. And on Saturday she was taken to a sanatorium. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Friends of E. D. Myers are glad to see him home again. He returned from the hospital Friday, much improved in health after his operation.

Mrs. L. K. Almond went to see a doctor Saturday about her foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ranson and Booker and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Almond and daughter, of Madison Heights were in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Roach Saturday night. Also Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams and sons of Waynesboro and Donald Roach of Camp Pickett were visitors in the same home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and family of Farmville spent Saturday night with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

The monthly W. M. S. meeting of August was held at the church Monday night. Mrs. Richard Inge and Miss Odelle Ranson gave the program.

Mrs. D. R. Inge and Miss Sandra Ruth Roach spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Harris.

Mrs. John Ranson and Johnny spent a day at Darlington Heights last week with Mrs. Ranson's sister.

Mrs. A. V. Jones and children, of Newport News were recently visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Joe Almond and Lewis Dickerson went to Brookneal awhile Friday night.

Richwood

Rienwood, August 14.- "If everyone would only begin to love people instead of hate them, war would cease and countless loss, anguish, sorrow, pain and trouble would stop."—Quoted.

Divine services at the Central Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Clapp and daughter, of Richmond were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulett and children, of Brookneal visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey over the week-end.

J. L. Pankey, of Washington, is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Carter Pankey, at Red House.

A. B. Hunter, Jr., is in a Lynchburg hospital at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rush and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Jr. were in Lynchburg Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and children were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

E. R. Davis and daughter, Loretta and Miss Thelma Dickerson, and A. T. Powell and son Ray were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were the guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Route One

Route One, August 14.- Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Guerton on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rosser were dinner guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rector on Sunday. Other visitors in the afternoon were W. C. Chilton and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson.

Miss Mary Woodson is staying a few weeks in the home of Miss Emma Haar.

Mrs. Aubrey Browning, of Richmond is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Arrington.

Miss Ava Chilton spent the week-end with friends at Camp Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hudson are spending this week at Newport News.

Miss Lucy Rector is ill at this writing.

Stonewall

Stonewall, August 14.- Hot, hot weather is surely coming our way now. We hope we will have some rain soon and cooler weather.

Rev. Bert Wilson, of Louisville, Ky., preached a grand sermon at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. The pastor, the Rev. L. F. Callaham was present, but joined the congregation to enjoy the sermon of the young man preached.

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Carson held a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson Sunday; all with their families were present and a big picnic dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Routon and son, Shelton; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Stratton and son, Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Russell were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Tilton Lee and Billy Bondurant celebrated their birthdays together last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, parents of Billy. There were about forty guests present and a bountiful dinner was served in old Virginia style, and a big birthday cake, with plenty of home-made ice cream was served to the guests in the afternoon. We wish each of these fine folks many more happy days to come.

Mrs. J. A. Stratton and sister, Isa, Fannie and Sallie LeGrand, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, and little Gloria Epperly, of Cherry Point, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr., and daughter, Kathy and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Sr. visited their aunt, Miss Saran Crawford in Richmond on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick received word this week that their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Jr., and baby, Janet Anne, of Florida would arrive this week on a visit to them. Mr. Stephenson is in the Air Corps and is on leave.

Mrs. Lula Morgan, Mrs. Virginia Davis and son, Dick, of Norfolk, are spending their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson and other relatives here.

Little Madeline and Eloise Bondurant went with their grandmother, Mrs. W. T. Younger home on Sunday for a vacation.

We are so glad to know that Mrs. G. P. Jennings, Rufus Burnette and Miss Vergenia Herndon are all improving after recent illness.

Rev. Bert Willson will fill the pulpit at Hebron Baptist Church next Sunday in the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. F. Hughes, who is on vacation.

Expect Marvin Bass to become head football coach at William and Mary College.

Strike in shipyards in Japan.

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Evergreen

Evergreen, August 14.- The Rev. Tenzle Brown preached a fine sermon here at the Baptist Church on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Witt Woolridge, of Covington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart recently.

Mrs. Juddie Glover spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

Mrs. Alfred Reynolds has returned home from the hospital, and Miss Bessie Ann Glover is staying this week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Evans and daughter, Bernice, and Mrs. C. B. Evans, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E Warriner last week.

Lawrence Stewart, Jr. has returned home from the hospital. He is improving slowly.

F. H. Ewers, from Roanoke spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Earl Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and family, of Lynchburg spent the day Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner last Saturday.

J. L. Evans spent the week-end in Catawba with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cheatham visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams and family, of Roanoke spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris and family.

Mrs. Juddie Glover and two daughters, Bessie Ann and Elnora Glover, A. B. Ferguson, Gregory Ferguson, Paul Ferguson and Clifford Fincham called to see Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds on Saturday night.

U. N. troops in Korea are held to be ready for action in event the peace talks with Reds fail.

A&C agents capture large still in Louisa.

Britain is expected to refuse to stop trading with Russia.

U. S. blood plasma supply said to be dangerously low.

William Randolph Hearst, noted newspaper man, dies.

House votes for a vast military building program.

Four miners drown in a flooded shaft in West Virginia.

Investigation into the "numbers" business being conducted in Hopewell.

Traffic deaths on Virginia highways for 1951 pass 575 total.

Cleveland and Yankees wage close race in American League.

Congress warned to expect rising prices, move inflation.

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